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For: MAINTENANCE APPARATUS FOR  
MEDICAL HAND PIECE

Art Unit: 3732

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Dear Sir:

In connection with the above-identified application, upon review of the Corrected Filing Receipt, a copy of which is enclosed, it was found that there is an error. In particular, the title of the invention is incorrect. Instead of "Maintenance device for medical hand piece", the correct title is --MAINTENANCE APPARATUS FOR MEDICAL HAND PIECE-- as indicated in the enclosed copies of a Declaration and Power of Attorney and application data sheet.

It is therefore respectfully requested that the Patent Office correct its records and issue a Corrected Filing Receipt which reflects the above information.

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**Title**

Maintenance device for medical hand piece  
apparatus

**Preliminary Class**

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**Application Type::** Regular  
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**CD-ROM or CD-R?::** None  
**Title::** Maintenance apparatus for medical hand piece  
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**MAINTENANCE APPARATUS FOR MEDICAL HAND PIECE**

the specification of which is attached hereto unless the following box is checked:

was filed on January 24, 2006 as United States Application Number or PCT International Application Number PCT/JP2004/010902  
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